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Appendix

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| JP-A-No.2003-083031 | Sep.7, '01 | Mar. 19, '03 | Disclosed that the recovery process is prohibited when the engine is in a continuous recovery region in which soot in the particulate filter is burnt by nitrogen oxide continuously generated by the oxidation catalyst. |
| JP-A-No.2000-213332 | Jan. 26, '99 | Aug. 2, '00 | Disclosed that a continuous recovery region is present in a region in which the engine is operated at a high-rotational speed and high load. |
| JP-A-No.2002-332824 | May 10, '01 | Nov. 22, '22 | Disclosed that method for estimating an amount of particulate matter deposited in the filter varies in accordance with an operation region of the engine. |

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